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WATERFOWL HUNTING FRAMEWORK ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Because there is evidence that the drought cycle may be reversing, the restrictions are designed to assure sufficient breeding stock to take advantage of what is hoped will be improved water conditions next year.

The "outside dates" for hunting ducks and coots this year will be October 12, 1962, to December 30, 1962, inclusive for the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. The outside dates for ducks, coots, and gallinules in the Pacific Flyway will be October 6, 1962, to January 6, 1963.

In the Pacific Flyway, the season can be 75 consecutive days with bag and possession limits of 4 and 8 ducks or 5 and 5 ducks; or 60 consecutive days with bag and possession limits of 5 and 10 or 6 and 6 ducks. The usual option of a split season of equal or unequal length is given in all flyways, with the customary penalty of 10 percent in the number of days of hunting.

Shooting hours for the 1962-63 hunting season will be from sunrise to sunset in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways, and from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset in the Pacific Flyway. On the opening day of the season for ducks and coots in all flyways, including both opening days of split seasons, the shooting hours will be from 12 o'clock noon, standard time, until sunset. If the opening day of the season on geese, brant, or Wilson's snipe is concurrent with the opening day on ducks and coots, shooting hours on all species will be from 12 o'clock noon, standard time, until sunset.

The anticipated fall flights of geese and brant will be comparable to last year's. In view of the continuing healthy status of these birds, the Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that seasons remain generally unchanged as compared to 1961.

The kill of Canada geese from the Mississippi Valley and Eastern Great Plains flocks will be controlled by establishing maximum kill quotas for specifically described areas in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri, as was done in 1961 in Wisconsin and Illinois. There will be a closed season on Canada geese in Arkansas and Louisiana to preserve remnant flocks of these birds in an effort to build up wintering flocks of these birds in the lower Mississippi Flyway States.

Intensive surveys conducted by the Service's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife indicate that the mallard breeding population is down 30 percent from last year. For black ducks, the major species in eastern Canada and in the Atlantic Flyway, the breeding population continued to remain at the low level that has prevailed for the last five years.

The numbers of canvasback and redhead ducks indicate no significant recovery from the low population levels of the past several years. These birds will again be fully protected.

Those portions of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, west of the Continental Divide can be included in the Pacific Flyway if the States so desire.

The outside dates within which the States are permitted to select specific season dates, the length of season, and bag limit options, and other special restrictions or provisions are listed below by flyways.

Atlantic Flyway

Between the outside dates of Friday, October 12, 1962, and Sunday, December 30, 1962, States in this flyway--Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of 40 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 3 and a possession limit of 6 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 coots; or 50 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 coots; or a split season of equal or unequal length, in either option, with a 10 percent penalty in the number of shooting days.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 1 hooded merganser. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 4 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 1 hooded merganser.

In addition to other bag and possession limits, 2 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the daily bag limit and 4 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the possession limit.

In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5 and the possession limit is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

Between the outside dates of Monday, October 1, 1962, and Sunday, January 13, 1963, the States in this flyway may select concurrent open seasons on geese (except snow geese) and brant of 60 consecutive days or a split season totaling 60 days with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 brant.

On an experimental basis, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on the coastal waters of New York lying in Long Island Sound and on the coastal waters of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine lying outside of established harbors and seaward from the mouths of rivers and streams under the following conditions: Any person who cripples any migratory waterfowl while shooting from a fixed position may, within a 200-yard radius of such fixed position, pursue, shoot, and retrieve such crippled birds from a motorboat under power.

Mississippi Flyway

Between the outside dates of Friday, October 12, 1962, and Sunday, December 30, 1962, the States in this flyway--Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of 25 consecutive days or a split season totaling 23 days with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 coots.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 mallard or 1 black duck; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 1 hooded merganser. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 1 hooded merganser.

In addition to other bag and possession limits, 2 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the daily bag limit and 4 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the possession limit.

In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5 and the possession limit is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

Between the outside dates of Monday, October 1, 1962, and Sunday, January 13, 1963, States in this flyway may select an open season for geese of 60 consecutive days or a split season totaling 60 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more than: (a) 2 Canada geese or subspecies; (b) 2 white-fronted geese; or (c) 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

In the Illinois counties of Alexander, Jackson, Union, and Williamson only, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 10,000 birds; and in the Wisconsin counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, and parts of Juneau, Monroe, and Wood counties, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 8,000 birds. In parts of the Missouri counties of Livingston, Carroll, Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Chariton, and Linn, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 20,000 birds. When it has been determined by the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, that these totals have been killed in the respective areas, the seasons therein will be closed by the Director upon having given public notice thereof through local information media no less than 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing.

No open season is prescribed for the taking of Canada geese in the States of Arkansas and Louisiana.

Central Flyway

Between the outside dates of Friday, October 12, 1962, and Sunday, December 30, 1962, the States in this flyway--Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of 25 consecutive days or a split season totaling 23 days with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 coots.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 mallard duck; (b) 2 wood ducks; and (c) 1 hooded merganser. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 mallard ducks; (b) 2 wood ducks; and (c) 1 hooded merganser.

In addition to other bag and possession limits, 2 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the daily bag limit and 4 additional scaup ducks are allowed in the possession limit.

In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5 and the possession limit is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

Between the outside dates of Monday, October 1, 1962, and Sunday, January 13, 1963, the States in this flyway may select an open season for geese of 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 75 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more than: (a) 2 Canada geese or subspecies; (b) 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose; or (c) 1 white-fronted goose.

No open season is prescribed for the taking of snow and blue geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison counties, Montana.

No open season is prescribed for the taking of Canada geese in that portion of Larimer County, Colorado, lying north of U.S. Highway 34 and west of U.S. Highway 87.

An open season of 30 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of 2 is prescribed for the taking of lesser sandhill (little brown) cranes between Saturday, November 3, 1962, and Sunday, December 2, 1962, in the New Mexico counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of Texas lying west of a line from the International Toll Bridge at Del Rio, Val Verde County; thence northward following U.S. Highway 277 to its junction with U.S. Highway 87 at San Angelo, Tom Green County; thence northwesterly along U.S. Highway 87 to the point of its intersection with the Texas-New Mexico boundary line in Dallam County.

Those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide will be allowed to select open seasons for the hunting of waterfowl and coots in accordance with the frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway if the States so desire.

Pacific Flyway

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 6, 1962, and Sunday, January 6, 1963, the States in this flyway--Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks, coots, and gallinules of 75 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 4 and a possession limit of 8 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 25 coots and gallinules, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, or with an optional daily bag and possession limit of 5 ducks; or 60 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 ducks, and a daily bag and possession limit of 25 coots and gallinules, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, or an optional daily bag and possession limit of 6 ducks; or a split season (of equal or unequal length) in either option with a 10 percent penalty in the number of shooting days.

The daily bag or possession limit may not include more than 1 wood duck and 1 hooded merganser.

In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5 and the possession limit is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

In the Washington counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima; in the Idaho counties of Ada, Benewah, Blaine, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Lincoln, Minidoka,

Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, and Washington; and in the Oregon counties of Baker, Gilliam, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wasco, in addition to other bag and possession limits, 2 additional mallard ducks are allowed in the daily bag limit and 4 additional mallard ducks are allowed in the possession limit.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 6, 1962, and Sunday, January 6, 1963, the States in this flyway may select an open season for geese (except Ross's geese) of 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 75 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 6 geese.

In Washington, the daily bag limit is 3 geese and the possession limit is 6 geese. In all States in the flyway, the daily bag limit may not include more than 3 geese of the dark species: Provided, that in the States of Utah and Arizona, in Clark County, Nevada, and in Bear Lake, Bonneville, and Caribou counties of Idaho, the daily bag limit or possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese or subspecies of Canada geese. In California Fish and Game District No. 22, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose or subspecies and the season for taking Canada geese shall close at sunset December 25, 1962.

No open season is prescribed on snow geese in the Idaho counties of Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, December 1, 1962, and Friday, February 15, 1963, the States in this flyway may select an open season for brant of 75 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of 3 brant.

An open season for the taking of a limited number of whistling swans under special permit in the State of Utah is prescribed subject to the following conditions: (a) Not more than 1,000 permits will be issued authorizing the permittee to take 1 whistling swan; (b) the open season will run concurrently with the open season selected by Utah for the taking of ducks; (c) permit forms will be furnished by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to the Utah Department of Fish and Game which will issue such permits to applicants without charge on a first-come-first-served basis.

The boundaries of that portion of northern California formerly known as the Tule Lake Area are being redesignated to read as follows: That portion of northeastern California lying east and north of the point where U. S. Highway 99 intersects the California-Oregon State Line; thence south along U. S. Highway 99 to the junction with State Highway 89; thence south and east along State Highway 89 to the junction with Alternate U. S. Highway 40; thence south and east along Alternate U. S. Highway 40 to the intersection with the California-Nevada State Line. This area will have the same seasons and limits for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules as that selected by the State of Oregon for that State.

Those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide will be allowed to select open seasons for the hunting of waterfowl and coots in accordance with the frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway if the States so desire.

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